

## SALISBURY'S FRIENLY MOOD.

How the British Premier's Overtures are Received Here.

The Entente Cordiale Apparently Restored Between the Two Governments.

AN INSTANCE OF MUTUAL GOOD WILL.

Prompt Acquiescence in Secretary Olney's Request for British Protection to Americans in the Transvaal.

Washington, Jan. 13.—The controversy between the United States and England over the Venezuelan boundary may be amicably adjusted much sooner than even the most sanguine have supposed. It may come so soon that the Venezuelan Commission will find itself functus officio long before reaching a conclusion.

There is reason to believe that Lord Salisbury has intimated a willingness to reopen diplomatic relations with Venezuela in order that a settlement of the boundary dispute may be arrived at without requiring any intervention on the part of the United States. Whatever overtures have been made by the English Premier have apparently been received in a very amicable spirit by the present Administration. At all events the entente cordiale has been restored between Lord Salisbury and Secretary Olney, and they correspond with each other now upon the footing of re-established friendship.

The latest developments indicating an early settlement of the question find expression in the Westminster Gazette of yesterday, which asserted that it sees "a distinct break in the clouds," and hopes that a settlement satisfactory to Great Britain and the United States will be effected with Venezuela direct.

The Gazette also intimated that the Brazilian Minister was "closely identified with the latest proposed solution of this controversy."

AN EARLY SETTLEMENT EXPECTED.

The prospect with which European powers seized upon pretenses to assail England taught the rulers, as well as the people, the value of the friendship of America, and the ambition to hold a portion of Venezuela will not be permitted to keep the two English-speaking nations apart much longer.

The Venezuelan Commissioners are proceeding with remarkable deliberation in the completion of mere preliminaries. They say that two weeks more will elapse before they will be ready for real work. In view of the changed attitude of England, may it not be probable that the Commissioners have received a hint from high authority that they need not hasten matters under present conditions?

Secretary Olney said to-day that he had taken measures to protect the citizens of the United States who are held on charges of high treason in the Transvaal. The arrest of an American named Hammond, together with J. H. King, Captain Meln and Charles Butters, also citizens of this country, had been officially reported to the State Department. Secretary Olney stated that he had cabled to the United States Consul at Cape of Good Hope, and to Consul General Maynor, at Johannesburg, to use all their powers to protect American citizens, but he was afraid the consular agent would not have influence sufficient to shield these men from harm in the excited state of feeling existing in the Transvaal. Therefore, he had cabled to Ambassador Bayard to request Lord Salisbury to direct the British officials in the Transvaal to extend their protection over Americans as well as Englishmen.

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE REQUEST.

Secretary Olney evidently considered that he had adopted the most efficient means possible of protecting any endangered Americans in the Transvaal by appealing to their behalf to the British Government. He did not entertain the least doubt of prompt acquiescence on the part of Lord Salisbury. Secretary Olney would not risk the humiliation of himself and his Government by making a request so distinctive of significant of friendship to a Government whose attitude was in the least doubtful.

The positive refusal of the United States to enter into any combination unfriendly toward England during the Transvaal troubles had a marked influence upon the settlement of the people of that Government. It is now known that Germany made overtures to this country to join in sending congratulations to President Kruger, but the Administration declined to become entangled with any European complications. This conduct of the officials of the United States is known to Lord Salisbury and has moved him to respond to the general good will manifested by the English people toward their American cousins.

The cable brought to Secretary Olney prompt assurance that his confidence in the kindly interpretation of the British Government was not misplaced. Mr. Chamberlain, Colonial Secretary, replied to Mr. Olney this afternoon that he had instructed Sir Hercules Robinson, British Commissioner of the Transvaal, to extend the same protection to American citizens under arrest as to subjects of the Queen. The meaning of this mutual good will between the two governments is that a way to the removal of the cause of disagreement has been found.

AMERICANS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

A New Arrival Says Their Sympathies Are with the Uitlanders.

London, Jan. 13.—Mr. Witte, a colleague of John Hays Hammond, the well-known American mining engineer who was a member of the Reform Committee at Johannesburg and who is now under arrest for sedition, has just arrived from the Transvaal. He said that he had sent cable dispatches to General Buller and Major R. B. Crocker, of San Francisco, friends of Mr. Hammond, and had been informed that Mr. Hammond had applied to Senators Perkins and White of the serious position of the Americans in Johannesburg. Senator White had laid the matter before the Department of State, which had promised to pay prompt attention to it.

Among the Americans arrested is J. S. Curtis, who has for some time been a resident of Johannesburg. He held a leading position there, and is very wealthy. Charles Ritters, who is also under arrest, is connected with the Rand Ore Reduction Company. Captain Mein is chief engineer of the Robinson Gold Mining Company. The property of these three Americans is threatened with confiscation. Mr. Witte declared that the United States Government would never permit the Boer Government to execute this threat.

There is no doubt that Mr. Hammond and the other Americans belonged to the

Reform Committee, which was a body formed in a time of emergency that was suddenly called to justify itself. The members in acting as they did, Mr. Witte concluded by declaring that the sympathies of all the Americans in South Africa are with the Uitlanders.

ANXIETY FOR CALIFORNIANS.

There Are Many Among the Mining Engineers in the Transvaal.

San Francisco, Jan. 13.—Major R. P. Hammond has received no further news from Africa about the arrest of his brother by order of President Kruger. Frederick Hellman, a civil engineer, well known in San Francisco and on the Comstock, went to South Africa last July. He was mentioned in the press dispatches recently as among the prominent Americans in Johannesburg. Last Saturday he cabled the following message to his father in this city: "Well. The rebellion quelled."

Most of the mining men in Africa are from California. There are under Hammond also several prominent Californians as superintendents of mines. Besides these many others have gone over to fill subordinate positions.

The report received yesterday that Henry Adams' ultimatum would be applied to Hammond and others caused much anxiety to the young man's friends in this city, and a number of messages were sent to the Transvaal authorities for further information, and asking whether any assistance could be rendered him.

England Settling with Brazil.

London, Jan. 13.—The Secretary of the Brazilian Legation here said to-day that England has agreed to settle the boundary dispute at Rio Janeiro about the Guiana boundary. There was no friction, he added, between Great Britain and Brazil on this question. It is probable that a joint commission will be appointed to settle the dispute. He had no reason to believe that Brazil would abandon her claims in exchange for a more friendly attitude toward the United States. The Venezuelan dispute has no connection with the Brazilian, and there was, therefore, no necessity for delaying the settlement of the Anglo-Brazilian question until the Venezuelan issues were arranged.

CLEVELAND FEARS A REVOLT.

The Venezuelan Committee from New York Is Cautioned by Him.

The committee representing the Venezuelan colonies of this city and Brooklyn, which presented a bound volume containing the resolutions passed at a recent Venezuelan mass meeting here to President Cleveland, has returned from Washington.

"The President was greatly pleased with the gift and the sentiment it expressed," said ex-President of Venezuela N. Bolet-Perez last night, who was a member of the committee.

"He talked freely with us about the Anglo-Venezuelan controversy and said nothing which I am at all inclined to repeat. I will say, however, that he appeared to be much concerned about the revolutionary spirit in our republic, and asked us as men of prominence in the country's affairs and with means of knowing what the revolutionary leaders are doing to tell him candidly whether or not a revolt had been definitely declared off."

"We assured him that it had and that there would be no further trouble in the country so long as the Guiana boundary question remained unsettled."

"President Cleveland said he was glad to be assured of the fact. He cautioned us not to be provoked by the controversy with England, and said he would seriously, probably disastrously, complicate matters."

The other members of the committee are General George A. Taylor, of this city, and Dr. A. M. Sotelo, of Washington.

WANTS LIGHTS ON SLEIGHS.

Park Board Requests All Persons to Provide Them at Night.

In executive session yesterday the Park Board voted to request all persons driving sleighs in Central Park to see that they are provided with lights at night. This rule has generally been disregarded during the sleighing season this year. President Kruger announced that the Board would not adopt any harsh measures at this time, but intended at some future date to take action to compel the use of lights on sleighs driven through Central Park after dark.

A petition was received from Judson C. Kline, of Rockland, asking that a flagpole be erected on Morningside Park. "We agree," said the petitioners, "to see that the flag is raised to the breeze every holiday. We would also like to have the privilege of raising the flag on Washington's Birthday." The petition was placed on file.

Henry D. Carey, of No. 28 Union square, protested against the construction of the new report place for the sale of cases at the Sound shore near Pelham Bay Park. He will be granted a hearing next Monday.

ALARM IN NEW ROCHELLE.

Public Schools Closed and Houses Quarantined, Owing to Diphtheria.

New Rochelle, Jan. 13.—A considerable number of residences in New Rochelle display large pasteboard cards, on which is printed: "Diphtheria! This house is quarantined by order of the Village Health Board."

Orders were issued to-day by the local Board of Education to the effect that, owing to the extension of the disease and the precautionary measure, it is deemed advisable to close the public schools, and keep them closed until such time as the Board judges it best to reopen them. The schools have, without question, taken a firm hold of the residents, and according to the Health Officer, Dr. Dainty, without just cause.

The Health Officer says this is a cruel exaggeration. He states positively that he knows of only eight cases. Foxes are confined to the best neighborhoods, and, strange to say, the closely populated districts are free of the disease.

So far only children have been affected. Village President H. S. Clark, Village Trustees C. H. Morgan and Conductor Herbert Underhill have each lost promising children. The health authorities say they have been greatly hampered by the neglect of local physicians in not promptly reporting cases, but they think now the danger is about over.

DRY GOODS FOLK DANCE.

D. M. Williams & Co.'s Employees Gather at the Lexington Avenue Opera House.

## DIG DAY FOR THE BIG APE.

Johanna to Have a Double Allowance of Wine and an Extra Cocktail for Breakfast.

Her Presents Will Include the Latest Illustrated Papers and a New Bed Quilt.

THIRTEEN YEARS OLD THIS MORNING.

Pines for Chiko and Excitement and Entertainment of the Circus Season, and Is Inclined to Be Melancholy in Her Park Seclusion.

The birthday anniversary of the big ape, Johanna, will be celebrated to-day by Keeper McKay and his pet in a manner befitting the event. "Johanna will be thirteen years old to-morrow," said Mr. McKay yesterday. "That is tradition, of course."

If I didn't take care and see that the demijohn containing wine was kept out of her reach she'd be in the alcoholic ward at Bellevue Hospital in a few days. The next cold spell we have Johanna is going to have a pair of skates and take a sly with the rest of the girls on the pond.

"This anniversary is going to be a great day for her. She's going to have a double allowance of wine and an extra cocktail in the morning. For dinner she's going to get some grape fruit and a couple of extra eggs. For a present she is going to have a whole stock of illustrated papers and a new bed quilt. Since the circus season closed she has been here and has received no visitors at all. This has a tendency to make her melancholy and she pines for the old life under the canvas. It's pretty hard after having a continuous round of pleasure for eight months and seeing 15,000 people a day to go into retirement for four months, and she feels it."

When asked why January 14 was selected



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The first of the Tuesday dances will be given at Sherry's this evening. The subscribers to it are Mrs. Astor, Mrs. John Jacob Astor, Mrs. Edmund L. Baylies, Mrs. George Bend, Mrs. S. Van Rensselaer Cruger, Mrs. Henry A. Coster, Mrs. Brockholst Cutting, Mrs. R. L. Clarkson, Mrs. William A. Dyer, Mrs. Elisha Dyer, Jr., Mrs. Duanan Ellis, Mrs. Charles G. Franklyn, Mrs. Nicholas Fish, Mrs. Elbridge T. Gerry, Mrs. Ogden Golet, Mrs. Adrian Iselin, Jr., Mrs. Luther Kountze, Mrs. H. Van Rensselaer Kennedy, Mrs. J. Robert B. Minton, Mrs. W. Starr Mills, Mrs. Charles H. Marshall, Mrs. Stanley Mortimer, Mrs. F. K. Pendleton, Mrs. William Evans Rogers, Mrs. Victor Soroch, Mrs. William Douglas Sloane, Mrs. H. A. Taylor, Mrs. Coriell Vanderbilt, Mrs. Alexander Van Rensselaer, Mrs. Buchanan Winthrop, Mrs. Egerton L. Winthrop, Jr., Mrs. George Peabody Wetmore, Mrs. William Woodworth, Mrs. Alexander Webb, Mrs. Woodworth, Mrs. Alexander Webb and Mrs. John C. Winland.

Mrs. McGrath Van Cortlandt Hamilton will give a musicale this afternoon.

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A Colonial, Revolutionary and Historical Loan Exhibit of the State of New York is among the coming interesting events. The committee in charge of the affair consists of Mrs. Donald McLean, chairman; Mrs. Levi P. Morgan, Mrs. Samuel Spencer, Mrs. B. Ogden Doremus, Mrs. Roger T. Fryer, Mrs. Van Buren Vanderpool, Mrs. Janvier Le Due, Mrs. M. W. Cooten, Mrs. G. V. C. Hamilton, Mrs. William F. Havemeyer, Mrs. Vernon M. Davis, Miss Forsyth, of Kingston; Mrs. Kenyon, Mrs. J. R. Wynne, Mrs. Cortlandt; stockings worn by her on her wedding day, May 28, 1748, and the dress of Ann Van Cortlandt, who married Philip Van Rensselaer, Mayor of Albany, worn at a ball given by her uncle, Peter Stuyvesant, in New York City in 1750.

Miss Adele M. Field will lecture this morning at 11 o'clock on "Parliamentary Procedure" before the League for Political Education, at No. 23 West Forty-fourth street.

Broadway Road Exonerated.

A Coroner's jury yesterday rendered a verdict that Henry J. Newton, well known as a Spiritist and the owner of much property, was accidentally killed by a Broadway cable car at the Twenty-third street curve on December 23. The jury found that the cable car was driven at an excessive speed, and that the driver was negligent. The jury also found that the cable car was not properly maintained, and that the company was negligent. The jury recommended that the company be fined \$1,000 and that the driver be fined \$500.

Police Notes Were Counted.

The strength of New York City's police force is \$222, according to Deputy Clerk Stone, of the Police Department, who yesterday finished a schedule for the Commissioners of the personnel of the entire force. The list includes one Chief, twenty-three captains, 154 sergeants, thirty-seven detectives, 174 roundsmen, 3,371 patrolmen and seventy-two doormen. These represent the men doing active duty. There are, however, about 100 policemen in the school of instruction, who will be assigned to regular duty when their terms of probation expire. Over 800 vacancies in various grades of the force exist, and will be filled as soon as the competitive examinations now in progress are completed.

## IVORY SOAP

The difference in the cost of a week's wash with common soap and Ivory Soap is only two or three cents, and as the clothes will be whiter and will last longer, you may find that after all Ivory Soap is much the cheaper.

THE PROCTOR & GAMBLE CO., CHICAGO.

Some Social Gayeties.

Mrs. D. Ogden Mills gave a small dance last evening at her residence, No. 1 East Sixty-ninth street.

The Monday Evening Dancing Class held its second meeting this season last night at the Mendelssohn Assembly Rooms, Fifty-fifth street, West. Dancing began at 9 o'clock and continued until half past 11, with a brief interval at midnight, when a dainty buffet supper was served. The cotillon was danced after supper. Mr. Edward Trenchard presided at the piano. There were 100 couples present.

The dancers included Miss Gertrude Fowler, Miss Lillian Peck, Miss Worthington, Miss Lillian Anderson, Misses Hagedorn, Miss Tilden, Mr. Edward P. Fowler, Mr. Henry Mills, Mr. Samuel Tilden, Mr. Ross Little, Mr. B. W. B. Brown, Dr. Patterson and Mr. T. H. Follows.

The patronesses of the class are Mrs. George B. Fowler, Mrs. Townsend Follows, Mrs. James Hopkins, Mrs. William Falconer, Mrs. J. Edward Hasler and Mrs. Charles Smythe. The next meetings of the class will be held on January 27 and February 10.

A studio reception was given yesterday afternoon by Miss Georgine Campbell at No. 922 Madison avenue. She was assisted in receiving by Mrs. Clarence Best, Mrs. W. N. Gurnsey and Miss Mary Van Buren Vanderpool. A number of portraits by her of society people were exhibited, including miniatures of Mrs. Oliver Livingston Jones, Mrs. S. L. Low, Mrs. Eugene Kelly, Gordon Hamersley, son of J. Hooker Hamersley; Chapman Grant, painted by his grandchild, Mrs. J. H. Grant; and a portrait of Mrs. Freeman and Mrs. Charles Sprague, and a pastel of Mary Ball Washington, grand-



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## ODD SUIT OVER HIGH BIDS.

Franchise Seekers Still Eager to Pay 6,975 Per Cent of Gross Receipts.

Hearing of Southern Boulevard Co.'s Injunction Proceeding Before Justice Beekman.

SECRET OF ONE SWOLLEN OFFER.

N. Y. W. & C. T. Co.'s Desire for the Short Stretch of Road Beyond the Harlem — President Vreeland Gives Expert Testimony.

Perhaps the most unique railroad fight in the history of the State courts was waged before Justice Beekman, in Special Term, Part III, of the Supreme Court, yesterday, in the Southern Boulevard Railroad Company's suit against the People's Traction Company, the North New York City Traction Company and Comptroller Fitch to restrain that official from going on with the sale of the franchise of surface roads in the district between the Bronx and Harlem rivers, and to prevent the Comptroller from granting the coveted franchise to either of the other defendants.

The Southern Boulevard Company, at the beginning of the sale, offered to give the City 3 1/2 per cent of the proposed road's gross earnings, besides the statutory 3 per cent for five years and 5 per cent annually thereafter. But the defendants' companies sent the bids, which included an offer of 30 per cent of the gross earnings, not including the legal percentage, was offered. At that point the Southern Boulevard Company objected strongly, declaring that the company could afford to pay more than it had proposed—3 1/2 per cent and the legal rate.

The court decided that the guarantee bond required of the successful bidder would protect the city's interests, so he allowed the sale to continue. Thereupon the People's company offered 37 per cent of the gross earnings for three years and 35 per cent after that period. Those percentages, at the statutory percentages, equalled the entire gross earnings.

BID MORE THAN 4,000 PER CENT.

The rival companies continued to bid, and at 4 o'clock, when the sale was adjourned, the People's Company bid 6,975 1/8 per cent of the gross receipts, which just topped the North New York's latest offer of 6,975.

It is asserted in behalf of the defendants that the City and Westchester & Connecticut Traction Company is so desirous of obtaining control of the little stretch of its gross receipts on working capital, that it is willing to pay the seemingly absurd sum of \$400,000 for the franchise.

Herbert F. Vreeland, president of the Metropolitan Traction Company, was examined as an expert as to the cost of constructing a surface road and the expense of their equipment. He said that a well managed road would spend 90 per cent of its gross receipts on working capital, and a horse car road could, he stated, be built for from \$8,000 to \$10,000 a mile and an electric surface road for about \$20,000 a mile. Putting the electric road on a good ground would make it cost \$30,000 to \$45,000 a mile, whereas it would cost three times as much to build a cable road.

It would cost \$2,000 a car, Mr. Vreeland said, to equip a road twenty miles long in the Bronx and Harlem. He said that a power house for the operation of fifty cars would mean another \$100,000 out of the stockholders' pockets. A single track was out of the question.

PEOPLE'S COMPANY TESTIMONY.

Daniel F. Cohnan gave testimony in regard to the bidding at the sale. He is a director of the People's Company. He said that he had made the offer in good faith, and that he was not a party to the fraud.

"Have you anything in connection with a railroad, second to the papers you filed?" asked Mr. Tierney.

"Yes," answered Mr. Cohnan, "the money to construct the road."

"The amount is \$1,500,000 and it is pledged by the men who formed the company."

"Why didn't you cease bidding when you reached the limit of the gross receipts?" asked Mr. Tierney.

"I believed that all bidding beyond the full amount of the gross receipts was illegal, but I would have continued to bid as long as the sale went on."

FRANCHISES HELD.

Mr. Cohnan said that his company had obtained franchises from Westchester, Eastchester, Pelham Manor and Mamaroneck. It had not yet obtained franchises from the City and Westchester & Connecticut Traction Company.

"Have you any cash in hand?" Mr. Tierney asked.

"Twenty-one thousand dollars and the cash capital of the North New York Traction Company is only \$210,000," answered Mr. Cohnan.

"If you had got the franchise at 6,975 1/8 per cent of the gross receipts would you have paid your stockholders a dividend?"

## A BOY SHOT IN SCHOOL.

Little Leo Procured a Revolver to Protect Himself Against Robbers.

It Exploded as the Class Was Dismissed and Caused Great Excitement.

BULLET STRUCK HIM IN THE LEG.

The Boy Limped Down Stairs, Leaving a Trail of Blood in His Wake, and Fell Fainting in the Gutter.

Leo Ullman, thirteen years old, of No. 1127 Park avenue, fired a shot from a revolver in his classroom at Grammar School No. 6, Eighty-fifth street and Madison avenue, yesterday, and besides scaring his teacher, he created a panic among his forty fellow pupils. The bullet ploughed into the fleshy part of the boy's right leg and he is now laid up in the Presbyterian Hospital.

Leo had read and talked a great deal of late about "hold-ups," "burglaries" and other crimes. He met Adolph Hagerman, who is his classmate, and lives at No. 1135 Park avenue, on Sunday evening, and the two boys talked about the danger of being held up in the street.

"We're liable to be held up on our way home from school," Leo said, "and if I had a revolver I'd carry it."

"I can get one," responded Adolph. "Get it and lend it to me," said Leo. Adolph ran into his home and soon returned with a seven-shot, .32-caliber revolver. There's five loads in it," said Adolph, as he handed it to his companion.

Miss Hilker, who has charge of Class G, of which Leo is a member, was dismissing the pupils for the noon recess yesterday when there was a loud explosion and Leo, who was a loud and noisy boy, was called upon. Immediately there was great confusion and the boys in the room made a dash for the doors. Miss Hilker started toward Leo's seat, but he limped out of the room and downstairs, leaving a trail of blood spots behind him. He was crying with pain. The boys crowded after him so rapidly that they tumbled over each other in their excitement, and some of them were badly bruised.

When Leo reached the sidewalk he fell down and rolled over in the gutter in a faint. Policeman Donohue sent for an ambulance and took him to the hospital. He told the policeman he had stepped on a cartridge. Dr. McWilliams, the ambulance surgeon, said that Leo had a bullet hurt and took him to the hospital.

Policeman Donohue saw W. F. Hudson, the principal of the school, and he says he had very hard work getting any information. The principal told him Leo had stepped on a cartridge in the street. The policeman reported this information to Sergeant McCullough, of the East Eighty-sixth Street Station, and was sent back for further information. Principal Hudson told him he got his information from the boys, and that he was sure that Leo had stepped on a cartridge. He said that he had taken the boy to the station house, where they took the story of the shooting.

MAY HYPNOTIZE CONGRESS.